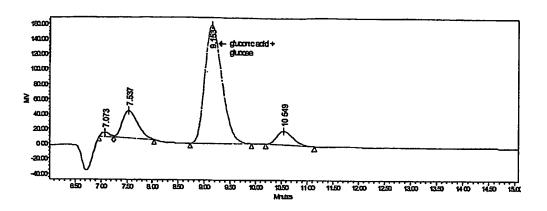
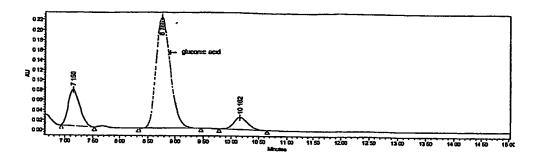


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*Fig.* 2



*Fig. 3* 

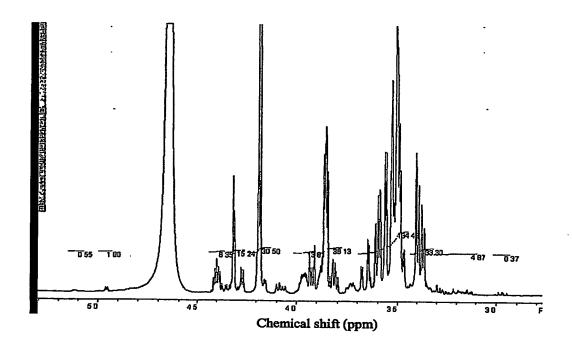
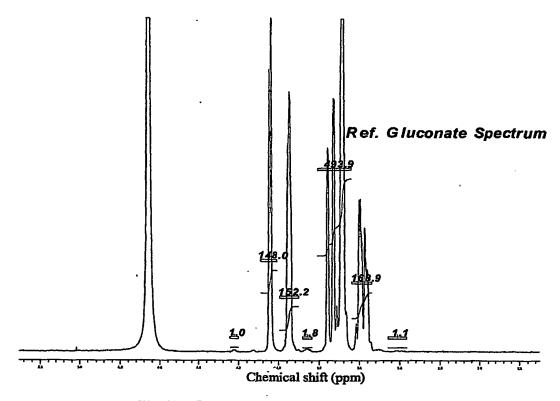


Fig. 4



(PRIOR ART: NMR spectrum of pure sodium gluconate)

*Fig.* 5

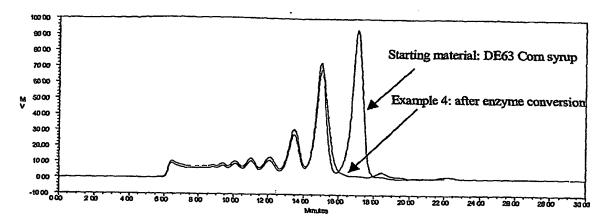


Fig. 6